Government for the construction of a Tourist Complex at Hatkoti and for the illumination of the temple. Both the projects have been completed.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of new Tourist Spots

3211. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the development of new tourist spots set up during 1996-97 and 1997-98, State-wise;

(b) the number of tourist spots opened during the said peirod, State-wise;

(c) the number of tourist places which proposed to be opened during 1997-98;

(d) the share of the Central and State Governments in the expenditure incurred on the development of new tourist spots; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (c) The identification and development of tourist spots is an on-going process and is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments for the implementation of tourism projects for development of tourist spots on the basis of proposals received, and availability of funds. Details of number of projects and amount sanctioned to State Governments during last two years is given below:—

Year	No. of projects	Amount Sanctioned
1996-97	226	3769.88 lakhs
1997-98	250	4752.96 lakhs

(d) and (e) According to the present guidelines, the Ministry of Tourism extends full assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for construction/ completion of infrastructure projects like Yatri Niwases, Tourist Bungalow, Wayside Amenities, Tourist Reception Centres, Adventure Tourism. The State Governments are required to provide land, internal fittings, furnishings, maintenance and approach road. etc. In case of commercially viable projects, the Ministry of Tourism provides equity contribution upto 28% of the total cost.

Tourist Complex in Orissa

3212. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any project proposal from the Government of Orissa during last three years for the construction of Yatri-Niwas, Tourist Bungalows, Tourist Complex etc. for the middle class tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated therefor; and

(d) the specific infrastructural facilities developed or proposed to be provided for the middle class tourists visiting Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (d) Based on the proposals received from the State Government, the Union Ministry of Tourism provide financial assistance to the Government of Orissa during the last three years for the implementation of the following projects for the benefit of the middle class tourists:

Scheme	No. of Projects	Amount sanctioned
		(Rs./Lakhs)
Tourist Complex/ Lodges	7	140
Tourist Centres	4	80
Tourist Reception Centre	5	230